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LETTER DATED 26 JUNE 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the note verbale No. 598/5644 of 17 June 1991 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republc of Iran to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran.

It will be highly appreciated, if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Note verbale dated 22 June 1991 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presenting its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran, hereby informs:

According to reports by the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, about 125 Iraqi boats navigate and engage in fishing every day in the Waterway belonging to Iran and Iraq opposite Khorramshahr and Abadan.

As the respected Embassy is aware, according to "Tehran Agreement" of 6 January 1991 signed by the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Iraq and the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG), in which upon the request and insistence of the Republic of Iraq the resumption of navigation in and exploitation of this Waterway became contingent upon a subsequent agreement because of the dangers prevailing during the crisis in the Persian Gulf, the navigation of Iraqi boats without prior notice is a violation of the terms of cease-fire.

It is evident that in the framework of the mutual sovereignty over this Waterway in accordance with the Treaty Concerning the State Frontier and Neighbourly Relations Between Iran and Iraq, the two countries can, at an agreed date, begin navigation, dredging and any other common use of the Waterway. In this connection, the Islamic Republic of Iran is prepared, as of this date, to cooperate and adopt necessary measures with respect to restoration of the Common Bureau of Coordination.